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Amendment

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment issued 4 May 2006 and in response to the Office Action dated 29 December 2005 issued by the USPTO in connection with the above-identified patent application. A response to the 29 December 2005 Office Action was due 29 March 2006. A response, along with a Petition for a one-month extension of time, including the required fee, was filed on 1 May 2006, the first working day following the one-month extension date. Accordingly, that Amendment was timely filed. Response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment is due 4 June 2006. Hence, this response is also being timely filed.

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